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OBJECTIVES OF NISCAIR
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of the National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR) functioning under the CSIR;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to assess the role, utility and necessity of NISCAIR for information dissemination;;

(c) whether CSIR has any proposals to reduce a number of institutions functioning under it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) The objectives of National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR) are:

- To provide formal linkages of communication among the scientific community in the form of research journals in different areas of S&T,

- To disseminate S&T information to general public, particularly school students, to inculcate interest in science among them,

- To develop human resource in the field of science communication, library and information science, documentation, and S&T information management system and services,

- To harness information technology applications in information management with particular reference to science communication and modernizing libraries,

- To act as a facilitator in furthering the economic, social, industrial, scientific and commercial development by providing timely access to relevant and accurate information,

- To collaborate with international institutions and agencies having objectives and goals similar to those of NISCAIR,

- Any other area considered appropriate within the frame work of approved mission statement of NISCAIR.

(b) Performance Appraisal Board (PAB) has been constituted for assessing the outputs of various CSIR laboratories.

(c) There is no such proposal, at present.

(d) Does not arise.